SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING THE CONNECTION STATE OF A **NETWORK CABLE CONNECTOR**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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A method for detecting a network cable connection state is disclosed. The method includes detecting a change of connection state of a connector using a sensor that resides in the connector and generating cable connection state information from the information supplied by the sensor. Cable connection state information is communicated to a connection state monitoring utility for facilitating network fault detection. The cable plug or socket may also contain an embedded 10 processor, memory and unique identification.